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HONG KONG TAKES PRECAUTIONARY DEFENSE MEASURES

BRITISH TO FORTIFY KWANGTUNG-NEW TERRITORIES BORDER -- Wen-hui Pao, 19 May 49

Hong Kong authorities have been negotiating with London over the fortification of the border of the New Territories. The Imperial Home Guards Engineers Corps has been assigned to this task; 130 members of the Corps have already arrived and 36 more are due to arrive in the colony on 20 May 1949. Quarters are being sought for the troops in the New Territories. Construction on the fortifications will begin as soon as the next contingent of troops arrives.

HONG KONG TO REGISTER SOCIETIES -- Hua Shung Pao, 19 May 49

In a session on 18 May 1949, the Hong Kong Legislature decided to require registration of all societies and associations in the colony falling within stipulated categories. Any society having any connection with political organizations outside the colony may be refused registration and be required to dissolve.

The term "society" includes all clubs, companies, partnerships, and associations whose members are over 18 years of age. It does not include (1) companies registered under the 1932 Company Registration Act, (2) companies or partnerships registered under special imperial grants, (3) organizations registered under the laws of Great Britain and North Ireland governing cooperative societies such as Freemasons, (4) labor organizations already registered under 1949 regulations, and (5) companies, associations, and partnerships with more than 20 members organized for legitimate purposes.

GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMS CURFEWS -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 29 May 49

The Hong Kong Government has proclaimed the following curfews in the New Territories which are to take effect on 1 June 1949 and to continue for 3 months. All residents of a large portion of the New Territories, other

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than those who have written permission from Hong Kong Police Headquarters, will be restricted to their homes from 2200 to 0600. At sea, all vessels other than those with written permission from Hong Kong Police Headquarters are restricted from navigation between 2200 and 0600 in the entire Deep Bay area within the line connecting Black Point and Southwest Point of Nam-tau Peninsula, and in all of Ma-shih Bay, excluding Talo Channel, Talo Harbor, Three Fathoms Cove, and Tide Cove.

PERSONAL REGISTRATION BEGUN -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 2 Jun 49

Registration of residents along the border of the New Territories has begun and should be completed within 2 weeks. Each resident will receive a card containing his picture, name, address and place of employment. A high-ranking police official says that the people have shown great cooperation in this matter, apparently realizing the procedure is necessary not only to protect Hong Kong but also to safeguard each individual and protect his property.

The number of people to be registered during this period will be about 12,000. It includes the following villages situated along the north border: Le-ma-chou, 4,000; Shang-shui, 4,000; Ta-ku-ling, 2,000; Sha-t'ou-chueh, 1,000.

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